

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

STEVE C. EDGECOMB,

Plaintiff,

v.

CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Acting
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C15-1660-MAT

ORDER GRANTING PARTIAL
EXTENSION OF BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Defendant filed the parties' third unopposed motion for extension of time (Dkt. 18), requesting a 28-day extension of the due date in which to file the Responsive Brief. This is defendant's second request for a 28-day extension. (Dkt. 15) The Court's previous Order granted the full amount of time requested by defendant, set the Responsive Brief deadline for July 15, and advised the parties that no further extensions would be granted absent extraordinary circumstances. (Dkt. 17) The Court will therefore review this request with that warning in mind.

Defendant's counsel's declaration states that he is participating in a training exercise the week of July 11-15. The Court notes the training exercise comes at the very end of the 28-day extension previously granted to defendant, but defendant offers no explanation for why the brief could not be prepared during the preceding three weeks of the extension period. Additionally,

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1 counsel states he is scheduled for family leave the following week (July 18-22), but this is after
2 the deadline for the Responsive Brief and has no bearing on whether counsel could meet the
3 current deadline.

4 Having considered the stipulation, and the entire docket in the case, the Court does not
5 find that defendant has shown extraordinary circumstances. The Court is not willing to grant
6 defendant a second, consecutive, 28-day extension. However, the Court will GRANT a shorter
7 extension of the briefing schedule, with the new deadlines as follows:

8 Defendant's Responsive Brief: July 29, 2016

9 Plaintiff's optional Reply Brief: August 12, 2016

10 **The parties should note that no additional extensions will be granted.** If a truly
11 extraordinary circumstance, such as an unforeseen medical or family emergency, arises, any
12 party seeking extension should be prepared to provide the Court with a thorough explanation of
13 the circumstance.

14 DATED this 13th day of July, 2016.

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18 United States Magistrate Judge
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